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State of Arizona  
Senate  
Forty-sixth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2003

## **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1005**

**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALT RIVER PROJECT.**

**(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)**



1       Whereas, a century ago pioneers settling central Arizona's desert  
2 valleys experienced cycles of harsh summer droughts and devastating floods  
3 that washed out canals, fields, homes and livelihoods; and

4       Whereas, these settlers recognized that a dam on the Salt River could  
5 help subdue floods and drought and could be built under the terms of the  
6 National Reclamation Act signed by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1902; and

7       Whereas, these individuals formed the Salt River Valley Water Users'  
8 Association in 1903 as one of the nation's first reclamation organizations  
9 and committed two hundred thousand acres of their own land as collateral to  
10 obtain a loan to build water storage and delivery projects; and

11       Whereas, on its completion in 1911, what would become known as the  
12 Theodore Roosevelt Dam became a cornerstone of central Arizona's water and  
13 irrigation-based economy and helped Arizona transition from a territory to  
14 a state; and

15       Whereas, the association subsequently assumed responsibilities for  
16 managing Theodore Roosevelt Dam and other reclamation dams on the lower Salt  
17 River and took charge of bringing early hydropower to central Arizona mines  
18 and farming communities; and

19       Whereas, the Arizona Legislature advanced legislation in 1936 that made  
20 it possible for the association to repay its federal loan and to become what  
21 is known today as the Salt River Project (SRP); and

22       Whereas, SRP operates a system of dams and canals that delivers water  
23 to more than one and a half million central Arizona residents and provides  
24 electric power to more than 780,000 customers throughout a service territory  
25 of nearly three thousand square miles; and

26       Whereas, SRP has become a leader in groundwater recharge, development  
27 of landfill-gas powered generation and expansion of solar technologies and  
28 is internationally renowned for its water research and management programs;  
29 and

30       Whereas, as the oldest multipurpose reclamation project in the nation,  
31 SRP has partnered successfully for one hundred years with the communities it  
32 was formed to serve and is now the nation's third largest public power  
33 provider and the largest supplier of water to the greater Phoenix  
34 metropolitan area; and

35       Whereas, February 7, 2003 marks the centennial anniversary of the  
36 signing of the articles of incorporation of the Salt River Valley Water  
37 Users' Association, now known as the Salt River Project. As it moves into the  
38 twenty-first century, SRP remains committed to the principles of vision,  
39 leadership and environmental, corporate and community responsibility that  
40 marked its first one hundred years of service to Arizonans.

1 Therefore

2 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
3 Representatives concurring:

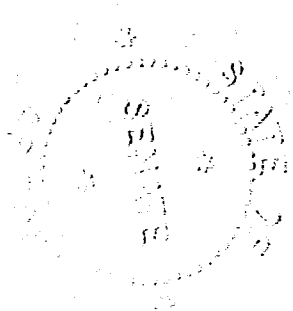
4 1. That the members of the Legislature recognize the tremendous  
5 contributions of the Salt River Project to the growth and well-being of this  
6 state over the past one hundred years.

7 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy  
8 of this Resolution to the Board of Governors of the Salt River Valley Water  
9 Users' Association.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 5, 2003.

PASSED BY THE SENATE JANUARY 30, 2003.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FEBRUARY 6, 2003.



READ IN FULL AND  
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Passed the House February 5, 20 03

John H. Lake  
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Moore  
Chief Clerk of the House

READ IN FULL AND  
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Passed the Senate January 30, 20 03

Ken Bennett  
President of the Senate

Chaimin Bellington  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 10 day of February, 20 03

at 12:05 o'clock P. M.

S.C.R. 1005

Janis K. Brewer  
Secretary of State